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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby
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of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

JP 9-71757 has an object to provide a low stain pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for use as a processing material for semiconductor. The purpose of use is the same between this reference and the present invention. The remaining three references, JP 8-41135, JP 10-45838, and P2000-128829A, are directed to continuous polymerization which is the same general concept as in the present invention.

However, none of the four cited references contain any disclosure to teach or suggest continuous polymerization under conditions at a temperature of 50-180°C for 0.5-60 minutes or at a temperature of 50-100°C for 60-200 minutes according to the present invention, or the objects and advantages attained in accordance with the present invention.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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